

**CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER RULE 1.53(b)
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/656,413, filed September 6, 2000.For (Title): METHOD OF MANUFACTURING ROLLING ELEMENT STRINGBy (Inventors): Hidekazu MICHIOKA; Yasuhiro MATSUMOTO; Hiroshi NAKABAYASHI; Katsuya IIDA; Daisuke YATSUSHIRO

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

**CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF
ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW**

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	1 - 20	= 0
INDEP CLAIMS	1 - 3	= 0
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x 9 =	\$
x 42 =	\$
+140 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

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	\$ 750
x 18	\$
x 84	\$
+280	\$
TOTAL	\$ 750

3. ☒ A Check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is attached.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
5. ☐ Cancel claims _____ of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This is a ☐ Continuation ☒ Division ☐ Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/656,413 filed September 6, 2000. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
7. ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-19) are attached.
8. ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 11-252572 filed September 7, 1999 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
9. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/656,413 on November 15, 2000.

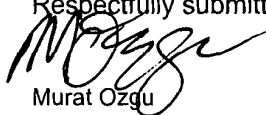
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10. ☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.
11. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
12. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____.--
13. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to THK Co., Ltd. recorded at Reel 011247, Frame 0258 on November 15, 2000.
14. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
15. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
16. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449.
17. ☐ Small entity status:
- ☐ a. A small entity statement is attached.
- ☐ b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
18. ☐ Other: _____
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